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E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS

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1. WE HAD ALSO BEEN WORKING ON A DRAFT STATEMENT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S GOALS WHICH, LIKE THAT CONTAINED REFTEL, WAS BASED ON THE OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION SECTION OF THE PARM AS REVISED TO REFLECT RECENT EVENTS. THOSE EVENTS HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION TWO BASIC BUT RELATED PROBLEMS: HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICE IN THE CAE AND THE CAPRICIOUSNESS OF BOKASSA'S ONE-MAN RULE. WITHOUT PRESUMING TO PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME OF THE REVIEW OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE CAE NOW UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON, WE BELIEVE THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SHOULD DEAL EXPLICITLY WITH THESE TWO PROBLEMS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR LEVEL OF PROGRAM ACTIVITY IN THE CAE. IS THERE OR IS THERE NOT TO BE ANY LINKAGE OF AID TO HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE? WHAT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY CAN WE SUSTAIN IN THE FACE OF THE EMPEROR'S CAPRICIOUSNESS?

2. WE BELIEVE IN ADDITION THAT THE FINAL GOAL/OBJECTIVE LISTED REFTEL SHOULD BE EITHER ELIMINATED OR SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED. AS A RESULT OF THE RANDAL/GOLDSMITH AFFAIR, WE CANNOT AT LEAST
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FOR THE TIME BEING "HANDLE BOKASSA'S IMPERIAL ASPIRATIONS IN WAYS WHICH REINFORCE THE POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP."
THE MOST WE CAN HOPE TO DO IS TO REDUCE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS OF BOKASSA'S IMPERIAL ASPIRATIONS.

3. WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND ADDITION OF A GOAL/OBJECTIVE CONCERNING PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE CAE AND MENTIONING SPECIFI-

CALLY NEGOTIATION OF A CONSULAR CONVENTION.

4. OTHERWISE WE CONCUR FULLY IN PROPOSED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. WE CAN CONTINUE LOW-KEY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CAE SUPPORT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND TO ENCOURAGE CAE TO MAINTAIN PRO-WESTERN MODERATE FOREIGN POLICY EVEN THOUGH WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE LITTLE ACCESS TO THE EMPEROR FOR SOME TIME. SIMILARLY, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO EXPAND SOMEWHAT OUR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS TO TRY TO PREVENT THE TYPE OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAVE ARISEN RECENTLY.
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